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ABSTRACT

In spring 1987, a follow-up study of nursing program graduates was conducted at William Rainey Harper College (WRHC) to examine employment patterns, further education plans, and graduates' evaluation of particular aspects of their WRHC experience. Questionnaires were mailed to 112 nursing students who graduated with an associate degree in 1986. Study findings, based on a 67% response rate included the following: (1) of the 59% of the respondents employed full time and the 37% employed part time, only 6.7% were in employment situations not of their choosing; (2) the nursing graduates felt well prepared in technical job skills, job knowledge, and communication skills, but did not feel well prepared with respect to job search skills and managerial skills; (3) the mean salary was just over $21,000; (4) among those employed in nursing-related fields, 24% were working in surgery, 16% in geriatrics, 13% in medicine, 9% in pediatrics, and 9% in psychiatric care; (5) 72% worked in a hospital environment, while 15% were employed in an extended care facility; (6) the median length of time in their present jobs was 11 months; (7) 39% worked days, 28% evenings, 26% nights, and 7% on rotating shifts; (8) 6% were enrolled in college at the time of the survey, and 55% planned to return to college at some time; and (9) almost 90% of the graduates never used a computer while at WRHC. Detailed study findings and the survey instrument are appended. (EJV)

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ABSTRACT

THE PURPOSE OF THIS STUDY WAS TO FOLLOW UP 1986 NURSING GRADUATES AS ONE OF THE AVENUES OF EVALUATING THE NURSING PROGRAM. THE SURVEY INSTRUMENT WAS MAILED TO THESE FORMER HARPER NURSING STUDENTS ABOUT ONE YEAR AFTER THEY GRADUATED FROM HARPER. A RESPONSE RATE OF 67 PERCENT WAS OBTAINED.

THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE NURSING GRADUATES CONTINUE TO FIND EMPLOYMENT SITUATIONS THAT ARE SATISFACTORY AS TO HOURS, TYPE OF ORGANIZATION, JOB DUTIES AND SALARY. THEY REPORT THEY ARE EXTREMELY WELL PREPARED IN TECHNICAL JOB SKILLS AND JOB KNOWLEDGE. HOWEVER, AS IN THE PAST, THEY FEEL NOT WELL PREPARED AS MANAGERS, AND 30 PERCENT PERMANENTLY SUPERVISE OTHERS. AMONG THOSE WHO WORK AS NURSES, ALMOST THREE-QUARTERS OF THEM WORK IN HOSPITALS AND A NUMBER ALSO WORK IN EXTENDED CARE FACILITIES. HOWEVER, THE NUMBER OF NURSES WORKING IN HOME HEALTH AGENCIES DECREASED 14 PERCENT FROM THE PREVIOUS SURVEY.

ONLY 6 PERCENT OF THE RESPONDENTS REPORT THEY WERE DENIED A JOB BECAUSE THEY DID NOT HAVE A BACHELOR'S DEGREE. THIS ALSO WAS A SIGNIFICANT DECREASE (17%) FROM THE LAST STUDY.

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this study was to follow up 1986 graduates of the Nursing Program as one of the avenues of evaluating the program. The survey asked the graduates about their present employment status, their future educational plans and an evaluation of their experience at Harper. The study was requested by the Director of the Nursing Program.

POPULATION SURVEYED

All 112 nursing students who graduated with an associate degree in 1986 were surveyed one year later. After the initial mailing and appropriate follow-up, the following response rate was obtained:

	N	PCT
Mail Response	59	52.7
Telephone Responses	16	14.3
Subtotal - Responses	75	67.0
Non Forwardables	5	4.4
Unable to Reach	31	27.7
Refusals	1	.9
Subtotal - Non Responses	37	33.0
Total	112	100.0

METHODOLOGY

The basic instrument shown in the appendix was borrowed from the regular vocational alumni study that was conducted at the same time. Additional questions specific to nursing graduates were added by the Director of Nursing. The survey was mailed to these former Harper nursing students about one year after they graduated.

DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

The nursing graduates were evenly divided as to whether they achieved a transfer associate degree (AA or AS) or an associate in applied science degree. The follow-up results showed that 59 percent were employed full time while 37 percent were employed part time. Only 4 percent were unemployed by choice. Among those working part time, 85 percent were doing so by choice. The number of nursing graduates working part time decreased by more than 7 percent from the last nursing alumni survey results. At the same time, the number of nurses working full time increased. Only two graduates (2.8%) were employed outside the nursing field, one temporarily. Overall, only five graduates (6.7%) were in employment situations not of their choosing (unemployed, part time or outside the field). Thus the vast majority continue to be able to find satisfactory employment situations.

These nursing graduates feel well prepared in technical job skills and job knowledge. They also feel well prepared as to various communication skills. They feel least prepared in the area of job search skills and managerial skills. Some 30 percent of those employed supervise other people while another third occasionally act as team leaders.

The mean salary is just over $21,000 and continues to be higher than the mean sal-

DISCUSSION OF RESULTS (continued)

ary of other career alumni one year after leaving Harper ($19,800). Over 80 percent of the nursing graduates who are employed say they are satisfied with their present job. Two-thirds of the graduates who are employed work in the northwest suburbs which is similar to employee locations of other career alumni from Harper. Almost three-quarters found their jobs on their own without any outside help. This continues to be higher than other Harper career alumni where 65 percent find their jobs all on their own.

Among those employed in nursing related fields, 24 percent are in surgery, 16 percent are in geriatrics, 13 percent are in medicine, 9 percent are in pediatrics, 9 percent are in psychiatric care, and others work in 11 other types of practice. In comparison with last year's study, the number of those working in medicine dropped 15 percent and geriatrics dropped 5 percent; however, these areas continue to be the most popular. Some 72 percent work in a hospital environment while 15 percent are in an extended care facility and the remaining are in six other types of facilities. The number of those working in home health agencies has dropped 14 percent since the previous study. The median length of time in their present position is 11 months. Considering their working hours, 39 percent work days, 28 percent work evenings, 26 percent work nights, and 7 percent rotate shifts. Over three-quarters of the Harper nursing graduates are working the shift of their first choice and 83 percent are working in the type of organization of their first choice. Only 6 percent of the graduates employed in nursing feel they were denied a job because they did not have a bachelor's degree. Finally, only 13 percent report they belong to the Illinois Nursing Association.

In terms of future educational goals, 6 percent are now enrolled in college and another 55 percent plan to return to college some day. These graduates were also asked to rate various aspects of their academic and student life at Harper. They rated various student services about the same as other career alumni. Most effective were faculty members, the course selection, internship or field experiences, human potential course, laboratories and the Financial Aid Office. Least effective continues to be career exploration with counselors. In rating course work at Harper they judged nursing courses extremely high, psychology courses and biology courses high, but other courses were rated much less beneficial than rated by other career alumni. A number of additional courses that the graduates wished they had taken include mostly nursing related courses and behavioral science courses.

Almost 90 percent of these nursing graduates never used a computer at Harper in conjunction with a course. Of those using a computer, 45 percent used it for math or statistics courses, 27 percent for nursing courses and 18 percent for data processing courses. Also, three-quarters said they had no problems using or getting access to the computers. With regard to the Learning Resources Center, over three-quarters of these nursing graduates used the Learning Resources Center (LRC) compared to two-thirds of other Harper career alumni. Among those who did use the LRC, almost all were complimentary about the services there with only 3 percent having any negative comments. Almost 30 percent reported applying for financial aid with 26 percent receiving financial aid (about 87% of those applying). Considering only those who applied for financial aid, 93 percent were satisfied with the performance of the Financial Aid Office.

While in the Nursing Program at Harper, over three-quarters held jobs working about 15.5 hours per week. This was close to the experiences of other career alumni. However, two-thirds of the nursing graduates worked in jobs closely related to nursing while at Harper. Less than half of the other career alumni worked in jobs closely related to their field. Also while at Harper, only 22

DISCUSSION OF RESULTS (continued)

percent participated in extracurricular activities and only 33 percent spent any informal hours on the campus. This experience is very consistent with the pattern of other career alumni while at Harper and these percentages have remained constant since the last survey.

A more extensive analysis of the survey results can be seen by looking through the tables in the detailed results section of this report.

MAJOR CONCLUSIONS

The vast majority of the nursing graduates continue to find employment situations that are satisfactory as to hours, type of organization, job duties and salary. They report they are extremely well prepared in technical job skills and job knowledge. However, as in the past, they feel not well prepared as managers, and 30 percent permanently supervise others. Among those who work as nurses, almost three-quarters of them work in hospitals and a number also work in extended care facilities. However, the number of nurses working in home health agencies decreased 14 percent from the previous survey.

Only 6 percent of the respondents report they were denied a job because they did not have a bachelor's degree. This also was a significant decrease (17%) from the last study.

FOLLOW-UP OF 1986 NURSING GRADUATES

Present Status	1984 N	1984 PCT	1986 N	1986 PCT
Employed full time but not enrolled in college	39	40.6	38	50.7
Employed full time and enrolled part time	5	5.2	6	8.0
Enrolled in college full time but not employed	1	1.0	--	--
Enrolled in college part time/employed part time	2	2.1	6	8.0
Employed part time but not enrolled in college	40	41.7	22	29.3
Enrolled in college part time but not employed	--	--	1	1.3
Unemployed, not enrolled, but seeking employment	2	2.1	--	--
Homemaker, not employed, not enrolled	6	6.3	2	2.7
Not employed nor enrolled for other reasons	1	1.0	--	--
Total	96	100.0	75	100.0
Present Educational Goals				
Presently enrolled full time in a college/univ.	1	1.0	--	--
Presently enrolled part time in a college/univ.	7	7.3	13	17.3
Plan within the next year to return to college	19	19.8	17	22.7
Plan to return to college some day	33	34.4	25	33.3
Presently enrolled in a specific training program	1	1.0	--	--
Have completed my educational plans	7	7.3	5	6.7
Educational plans are unknown at this point	24	25.0	12	16.0
Do not intend to seek further education or training	4	4.2	3	4.0
Total	96	100.0	75	100.0
Graduate from Harper				
Yes, with an AA degree	8	8.3	7.83	10.4
Yes, with an AS degree	40	41.7	28.16	37.6
Yes, with an AAS degree	48	50.0	37.66	50.2
Yes, with a certificate	--	--	1.33	1.8
No	--	--	--	--
Total	96	100.0	74.98	100.0
Self-Employed				
Yes, full time	--	--	--	--
Yes, part time	7	8.2	2	2.9
No	78	91.8	67	97.1
Total	85	100.0	69	100.0

Relatedness of Present Job to Nursing	1984 N	1984 PCT	1986 N	1986 PCT
They are identical	77	90.6	58	8.7
They are closely related	5	5.9	8	11.3
They are somewhat related	1	1.2	3	4.2
They are not related - found better pay in another field - temporary job while in transition	2	2.3	2	2.8
Total	85	100.0	71	100.0

Degree to Which Harper Prepared Students for Their Jobs	N	Average Index* of Degree	N	Average Index* of Deg.
Technical Job Skills	61	1.75	53	1.77
Specific Job Knowledge	61	1.50	53	1.75
Person to Person Communication Skills	60	1.35	51	1.50
Verbal Communication Skills	60	1.80	55	1.43
Written Communication Skills	60	1.35	53	1.43
Maturity	60	1.17	50	1.20
Job Search Skills	60	.78	50	1.00
Managerial Skills	60	.68	49	.82

One student responded Harper helped considerably by giving confidence.
One student responded Harper helped considerably with resume/interviewing skills.

*Degree Index -- 2 = Harper Helped Considerably
1 = Harper Helped Somewhat
0 = Harper Did Not Help

Extent to Which Nursing Graduates Supervise the Work of Others	N	PCT	N	PCT
Supervise or manage the work of over 20 people	3	3.5	.5	.7
Supervise or manage the work of 11-20 people	1	1.2	--	--
Supervise or manage the work of 5-10 people	11	12.9	6.0	8.3
Supervise or manage the work of 1-4 people	19	22.4	15.5	21.5
Occasionally act as team leader or supervise some people	28	32.9	23.0	32.0
Never supervise or manage the work of others	23	27.1	27.0	37.5
Total	85	100.0	72	100.0

Annual Full-Time Salary of Nursing Graduates				
$10,000 - $12,000	1	2.7	--	--
$12,000 - $15,000	2	5.4	2.0	5.0
$15,000 - $20,000	16	43.2	11.0	27.5
$20,000 - $25,000	17	46.0	23.5	58.7
$25,000 - $30,000	1	2.7	2.0	5.0
$30,000 - $35,000	--	--	1.5	3.8
Total	37	100.0	40	100.0
Median Salary	$19,844		$21,490	
Mean Salary	$19,676		$21,163	

Satisfaction with Present Job	1984 N	1984 PCT	1986 N	1986 PCT
Very Satisfied	24	28.2	35	48.6
Satisfied	44	51.8	24	33.3
Not sure	9	10.6	5	7.0
Dissatisfied	7	8.2	7	9.7
Very Dissatisfied	1	1.2	1	1.4
Total	85	100.0	72	100.0

Geographic Area of Work				
Downtown Chicago	5	5.9	6	8.3
Outer fringes of Chicago	2	2.4	4	5.5
Northwest Suburbs	57	67.0	48	66.7
Other Chicago Suburbs	18	21.2	10	13.9
Within 49 to 100 miles of Chicago	--	--	1	1.4
Outside Illinois (Arizona, Kentucky, Virginia)	3	3.5	3	4.2
Total	85	100.0	72	100.0

How Nursing Graduates Found Their Present Jobs				
Illinois Job Service Office	--	--	1.0	1.4
Another faculty member	1	1.2	6.0	8.3
A friend or relative	6	7.0	12.0	16.7
Newspaper ads	14	16.5	11.5	16.0
Found job on their own	50	.8	32	44.4
Working for same organization in related job before enrolling at Harper and present job evolved from former job	13	15.3	9.5	13.2
Internship program at Harper	1	1.2	--	--
Total	85	100.0	72	100.0

For Those Employed Part Time in Nursing -- Why?				
Prefer to work part time	38	90.4	22	81.5
Would prefer a full-time position in speciality of choice but only part-time work available	--	--	2	7.4
Would prefer a full-time position in a nearby facility but only part-time work available	--	--	2	7.4
Too hard to work full time in nursing	--	--	1	3.7
Would prefer full-time position on shift of my choice but only part-time work available	1	2.4	--	--
Would prefer full-time position on shift and floor of my choice but only part-time available	1	2.4	--	--
Would prefer full-time position in any specialty area at any time or location but cannot find full-time position	1	2.4	--	--
Illness prevents person from working full time	1	2.4	--	--
Total	42	100.0	27	100.0

AMONG THOSE WORKING IN NURSING PROFESSION:

Clinical Services Working in Nursing Profession	1984 N	1984 PCT of 79	1986 N	1986 PCT of 74
Surgery	16	20.3	18	24.3
Geriatrics	17	21.5	12	16.2
Medicine	22	27.8	9.5	12.8
Pediatrics	10	12.7	7	9.5
Obstetrics	5	6.3	6	8.1
Psychiatric	4	5.1	7	9.5
Rotating	5	6.3	6	8.1
Orthopedics	1	1.3	6	8.1
Telemetry	--	--	4	5.4
Oncology	1	1.3	1.5	2.0
Intensive Care Unit	2	2.5	2	2.7
Critical Care	--	--	1.5	2.0
Home Care	5	6.3	--	--
Emergency Room	--	--	2	2.7
Outpatient Wellness Center	2	2.5	--	--
Cardiac	3	3.8	1.5	2.0
Rheumatology	1	1.3	--	--
Chart Review	--	--	1	1.4
Cut	--	--	1	1.4
Family Practice Center	1	1.3	--	--
Allergy	--	--	1	1.4
Weight Loss Center	1	1.3	--	--
Substance Abuse	3	3.8	--	--

Type of Organization in Which Employed	N	PCT of 83	N	PCT of 68
Hospital	50	63.3	49.25	72.4
Extended Care Facility	15	19.0	10.0	14.7
Doctors Office	2	2.5	3.75	5.5
Clinic	2	2.5	1.75	2.6
Home Health Agency	12	15.2	1.0	1.5
Temporary Agency/Private Duty	2	2.5	.25	.3
Residential Home for Emotionally Disturbed Children	--	--	1.0	1.5
Adolescent Psychiatric Treatment Center	--	--	1.0	1.5
Weight Loss Center	1	1.3	--	--
Medical Supply Company	1	1.3	--	--
Prison for Men	1	1.3	--	--
Primary Care Center	1	1.3	--	--
Chemical Dependency Treatment Center	1	1.3	--	--

Length of Time in Present Position	1984 N	1984 PCT	1986 N	1986 PCT
Over 10 years	2	2.4	--	--
5 to 10 years	3	3.6	3	4.4
2 to 4 years	3	3.6	--	--
1 year	29	34.9	25.5	38.1
11 months	3	3.6	6	8.9
10 months	1	1.2	5	7.5
9 months	6	7.3	6	8.9
8 months	5	6.0	5	7.5
7 months	7	8.5	4	6.0
6 months	7	8.4	4.5	6.7
5 months	2	2.4	2	3.0
4 months	1	1.2	1	1.5
3 months	3	3.6	--	--
2 months	6	7.3	4	6.0
1 month or less	5	6.0	1	1.5
Total	83	100.0	67	100.0
Median Length of Time:	9 months		11 months	
Hours Normally Worked				
Days	30	35.7	26.83	39.4
Evenings	24.5	29.2	19.16	28.2
Nights	17.5	20.8	17.66	26.0
Rotating	12	14.3	4.33	6.4
Total	84	100.0	68	100.0
Shift Choice				
First Choice	68	80.9	52.5	77.2
Second Choice	12	14.3	11.5	16.9
Third Choice	4	4.8	4.0	5.9
Total	84	100.0	68	100.0
For Those Not Working Shift of First Choice, What Was Their First Choice				
Days	10	71.4	12	100.0
Evenings	3	21.4	--	0
Non-Rotating	1	7.2	--	0
Total	14	100.0	12	100.0
Choice of The Type of Organization For Which They Work				
First Choice	55	70.5	53	82.8
Second Choice	18	23.1	9	14.1
Third Choice	5	6.4	2	3.1
Total	78	100.0	64	100.0

As An ADN Graduate, Did They Feel They Were Denied a Job Because They Did Not Have A BSN?	1984 N	1984 PCT	1986 N	1986 PCT
Yes	18	23.7	4	6.3
No	58	76.3	59	93.7
Total	76	100.0	63	100.0
For Those Who Feel They Were Denied A Job -- Where?				
Chicago Hospitals	11	57.9	1.5	37.5
Some NW Suburban Hospitals	1	5.3	.5	12.5
Michael Reese Health Center	--	--	1.0	25.0
Cannot Remember	--	--	1.0	25.0
Most Hospitals Where Graduates Applied	6	31.5	--	--
Most Hospitals Unless Graduate Will Work Nights	1	5.3	--	--
Total	19	100.0	4	100.0
Does Graduate Belong To Illinois Nurses Association?				
Yes	18	23.7	8	12.7
No	58	76.3	55	87.3
Total	76	100.0	63	100.0
Plans for Further Education				
No plans			8	12.5
Currently Enrolled in BSN Program	(not included)		4	6.3
Plan to Enroll in BSN in Next Year or Two	in 1984		29	45.3
Plan to Pursue Degree in Another Field	Survey Report)		6.5	10.1
Undecided			16.5	25.8
Total			64.0	100.0

Evaluation of Student Services or Aspects Of Student Life by Nursing Graduates	1984 N	1984 Avg.* Index Rating	1986 N	1986 Avg.* Index Rating
Teaching Faculty	64	1.69	58	1.74
Course Selection	64	2.11	57	1.89
Internships or Field Experiences	53	1.96	53	1.89
Human Potential Course	7	2.43	10	1.90
Laboratories	63	2.03	56	1.95
Financial Aid Office	34	2.56	26	1.96
Intercollegiate Athletics	12	2.50	7	2.00
Hearing Impaired Services	4	1.50	6	2.00
Disabled/Handicapped Services	7	1.71	7	2.00
Health Service	59	2.47	49	2.04
Learning Resources	63	2.08	58	2.12
Illinois Job Service	14	2.86	7	2.14
Other Students	64	2.16	58	2.14
Career Planning and Development Course	6	2.50	7	2.14
Women's Program	10	2.00	11	2.18
College Survival Skills Course	5	2.20	11	2.18
Learning Atmosphere	64	2.16	58	2.19
Veteran's Office	4	2.00	5	2.20
Student Activities	40	2.45	35	2.23
Instructional Strategies in Classroom	61	2.16	53	2.23
College Days/Nights	--	--	22	2.27
Workshops or Special Programs	--	--	14	2.36
Tutoring Services	19	2.32	21	2.38
Remedial/Developmental Courses	7	2.43	7	2.43
Records and Registration	62	2.66	57	2.51
Orientation	58	2.57	53	2.55
Intramurals	11	2.27	5	2.60
Admissions Program	59	2.81	53	2.61
Assistance with Education Planning	60	2.85	51	2.63
Personal Counseling with Counselors	49	3.00	43	2.65
Food Service	56	2.57	50	2.84
Career Exploration with Counselors	38	3.42	36	2.89

*Index Rating: 1 = Excellent
2 = Very Good
3 = Average
4 = Borderline Effectiveness
5 = Poor or Ineffective

Rating of Benefit of Courses Taken By Nursing Graduates	Number Rating It Of MOST Benefit 1984	1986	Number Rating It Of LEAST Benefit 1984	1986	RATIO Most Benefit To Least Benefit 1984	1986
Nursing	65	59	0	2	∞	29.5
Psychology	22	25	9	1	2.44	25
Biology	19	20	1	0	19.00	∞
English	9	10	11	9	.82	1.11
Child Development	7	8	5	2	1.40	4
Mathematics	3	7	3	1	1.00	7
Philosophy and Humanities	1	5	10	6	.10	.83
Physical Science	4	4	6	0	.67	--
Art	--	2	--	4	--	.50
College Survival Skills	--	2	--	0	--	--
Other Courses	5	4	83	5	.06	.80

Academic Computer Usage

(This section not included in 1984 Survey report)

Amount Used	1986 N	1986 PCT
Used Often	2	2.7
Used a Few Times	7	9.3
Never Used	66	88.0
Total	75	100.0

Locations of Terminals Used

Word Processing Micros - Building "I"	1	11.1
Micro Lab - Building "J"	1	11.1
Instructional Computer Terminals - Building "D"	5	55.6
Micro Computers in Nursing Lab	2	22.2
Total	9	100.0

Courses Using Micro-Computers or Terminals

Data Processing	2	18.2
Word Processing	1	9.1
Math or Statistics	5	45.4
Nursing	3	27.3
Total	11	100.0

Problems Using or Getting Access to Micro-Computers or Terminals While at Harper

No	6	75.0
Yes - Before new office equipment was available/difficult to get access due to number of students demanding time and 1/2 hours block insufficient.	2	25.0
Total	8	100.0

Additional Courses Nursing Graduates Wished They Had Taken

Nursing Related	Sciences	Management and Behavioral Sciences
Community Service	Basic Math	Child Development
Physical Assessment	Computers	Management and Leadership - 2
Patient Financial Services		Adolescent Psychology
		Abnormal Psychology
I.V. Therapy	Communications	
DNA		
Medical Ethics	Sign Language	
Greater Clinical Experience	Spanish	

-- Most of these courses were specified in the 1984 survey results

Use of Learning Resources Center by Nursing Graduates

	1984		1986	
	N	Percent of 94	N	Percent of 75
Description of Use				
Very seldom or never used the center	30	31.9	17	22.7
It was easy to find and check out almost all the books needed	33	35.1	31	41.3
A.V. material available in media center was very helpful	21	22.3	30	40.0
Found the center a good place to study	33	35.1	27	36.0
Had trouble getting much of the material needed	5	5.3	1	1.3
Too much noise	1	1.1	--	--
Thought the Learning Resources Center was average compared to College of DuPage Learning Resources Center	--	--	1	1.3
Not a good place to study	1	1.1	--	--
Changed Educational or Vocational Goals As a Result of Attending Harper College	N	PCT	N	PCT
Yes	3	4.7	10	16.9
No	61	95.3	49	83.1
Total	64	100.0	59	100.0
Nature of Change				
Shift to a completely different field	(Not included in		6	60.0
Shift to a related field	1984 Survey		3	30.0
Combination of the above	Report		1	10.0
Total			10	100.0

Services Used in Making Changes	1984 N	1984 PCT	1986 N	1986 PCT of 10
Counseling	(Not included		3	30.0
Career and Life Planning Center	in 1984		1	10.0
Faculty Member	survey report)		1	10.0
Specific Courses			2	20.0
No services were used			5	50.0
Family Members			1	10.0

Rating of Benefit of Student Activities	1984	1986
Total Rated of Most Benefit	24	30.63
Total Rated of Least Benefit	7	9.00
Ratio	3.43	3.40

Rating of Financial Aid Office	1984 N	1984 PCT	1986 N	1986 PCT
Did not quality or require financial aid	55	60.4	48	66.6
Might have qualified for financial aid but never got around to applying for it	7	7.7	3	4.2
Applied for financial aid, was turned down but was satisfied with performance of office	8	8.8	2	2.8
Applied for financial aid, was turned down, and was dissatisfied with performance of the office	2	2.2	--	--
Received financial aid but was not satisfied with performance of the office	1	1.1	1	1.4
Received financial aid and was satisfied with performance of office	18	19.8	18	25.0
Total	91	100.0	72	100.0

Hours Worked Per Week While Attending Harper				
Did not work	22	23.7	16	21.9
1 - 5 hours	4	4.3	1.5	2.1
6 - 10 hours	8	8.6	8	11.0
11 - 15 hours	3	3.2	6	8.2
16 - 20 hours	12.5	13.5	19.5	26.7
21 - 25 hours	19	20.4	9	12.3
26 - 30 hours	8	8.6	3	4.1
Over 30 hours	16.5	17.7	10	13.7
Total	93	100.0	73	100.0
Average	17.0 hours		15.5 hours	

Relationship of Work to Nursing Field				
Identical	22	31.4	15	26.3
Closely Related	26	37.2	21	36.9
Somewhat Related	4	5.7	4	7.0
Completely Unrelated	18	25.7	17	29.8
Total	70	100.0	57	100.0

Hours Spent Per Week In Co-curricular Student Activities	1984 N	1984 PCT	1986 N	1986 PCT
Did not participate	83	88.3	57	78.1
1 - 3 hours	8	8.5	11	15.0
4 - 7 hours	2	2.1	4	5.5
8 - 12 hours	1	1.1	0	0
Over 12 hours	0	0	1	1.4
Total	94	100.0	73	100.0
Average	.4 hours		.25 hours	

Hours Per Week Spent Informally On Campus				
Less than one hour	60	63.8	43	57.4
1 - 6 hours	32	34.0	31	41.3
7 - 12 hours	1	1.1	1	1.3
12 - 20 hours	1	1.1	0	0
Over 20 hours	0	0	0	0
Total	94	100.0	75	100.0
Average	1.6 hours		1.9 hours	

Comments About Harper College

- I think the instructors are too qualified for a two-year junior college and their salaries too high.
- Would enroll in a nursing BSN program if one was offered - BSN completion program
- I don't know too much about programs at Harper other than nursing. I do know that it has been an asset being able to say I graduated from the nursing program. The program has a very good reputation for turning out competent nurses.
- Concerning the Nursing Program - the Admissions Office should not only look at the best grades - keep in mind some of the best nurses had "C" average - Some of the worst nurses I have seen had straight "A's".
- Nursing faculty is excellent.
- Excellent place to begin for four-year students and excellent for AS degree in Nursing as it has a good reputation in area. Instructors dedicated for most part and "care" about you and your success. Grand place for a youngster to "get their feet wet."
- Great place - allows people to have access to education in their own community.
- Without Harper College I would not be an RN today. I was able to go to school at my own pace thereby allowing me to also be a wife and mother. I have nothing but the highest regards for Harper.
- The Nursing Program is outstanding. I am glad I transferred to Harper's program because they helped me meet my career goals.
- Excellent community college with an excellent nursing faculty along with an excellent nursing program.
- Very well done - I enjoyed the course. I felt that some of the instructors were not professional. One advisor told some students about other students problems.
- The nursing program above standards - made board exams seem easy. I feel I received more hands-on experience than RN's from other schools.
- The parking lots are too far from campus.
- The area is very fortunate to have such a fine junior college. I would just like to see more flexibility in choosing time frames for class hours and clinicals - also some evening courses for the nursing program for those who cannot attending during day hours.
- Excellent school - but walkways should be put in between buildings. The legal counseling was very helpful. Also the counselors.
- Had excellent nursing faculty - I would recommend any prospective nursing student to attend Harper College.
- I think I was well prepared for my nursing career at Harper. I am glad that I attended Harper College.
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- An excellent college.
- I feel that the low tuition is an unnecessary burden to shift to the College District's taxpayers. Children in this district can afford to pay more for their education.
- Overall the education I received from Harper was very good.
- I have looked at many universities in the area for BSN. I am going to Loyola. Harper has a very good reputation.

A P P E N D I X

- Cover Letter
- Survey Instrument

William Rainey Harper College
Algonquin and Roselle Roads
Palatine, Illinois 60067
312-397-3000

Spring 1987

Dear Alumni:

We are following every alumnus (graduate/48 hours or more) of Harper College. We would like to know what you are now doing, your evaluation of Harper, and would like to secure this information again in three and five years after you leave Harper College.

In order for Harper to properly evaluate itself and continue to improve quality of service to students, it is essential to have good information on its former students. Any information you supply will be kept strictly confidential among appropriate college administrators. The number in the right-hand corner of the survey enables us to take your name off the mailing list when your completed response is received. This saves us the cost of unnecessary mailings and you the bother of receiving a second copy of the survey in addition to a follow-up telephone call.

We greatly appreciate your response to this questionnaire and a self-addressed stamped envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

Very truly yours,

John A. Lucas

John A. Lucas, Director
Planning and
Institutional Research

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QUESTIONNAIRE

for

Nursing Graduates/Alumnus

A- If you are employed part time in a nursing position, why? Check (✓) one.

_____ 1. I prefer to work part time
_____ 2. I would prefer a full-time position in the specialty of my choice but only part-time work is available.
_____ 3. I would prefer a full-time position in a nearby facility but only part-time work is available.
_____ 4. I would prefer a full-time position on the shift of my choice but only part-time work is available.
_____ 5. I would prefer a full-time position and would be willing to work in any specialty area at any time or at any location but I can find no full-time position.
_____ 6. Other reason for working part time - Specify:_____

_____

_____

B- On what clinical services are you working at the present time? Check (✓) any that apply.

_____ 1. Medicine
_____ 2. Surgery
_____ 3. Obstetrics
_____ 4. Pediatrics
_____ 5. Geriatrics
_____ 6. Psychiatric
_____ 7. Rotating
_____ 8. Other_____

C- Are you employed in:

_____ 1. Hospital
_____ 2. Doctor's Office
_____ 3. Clinic
_____ 4. Home Health Agency
_____ 5. Extended Care Facility
_____ 6. Temporary Agency/Private Duty
_____ 7. Other (Specify)_____
_____

D- Length of time in present position_____

E- What hours do you normally work?

_____ 1. Days
_____ 2. Evenings
_____ 3. Nights
_____ 4. Rotating

F- Is the shift you work your:

_____ 1. First Choice
_____ 2. Second Choice
_____ 3. Third Choice

G- If you did not answer "First Choice" in Item F, what is your first choice?

_____

H- Is the type of facility in which you are employed your:

_____ 1. First Choice

_____ 2. Second Choice

_____ 3. Third Choice

I- As an ADN graduate, did you feel you were denied a job because you did not have a BSN?

_____ Yes

_____ No

J- If yes, where (optional)?_____

_____

_____

K- Do you belong to INA?

_____ Yes

_____ No

L- Describe your plans for further education. Check (✓) one.

_____ 1. No plans

_____ 2. Currently enrolled in BSN program

_____ 3. Plan to enroll in BSN in next year or two

_____ 4. Plan to pursue degree in another field

_____ 5. Undecided

THANK YOU!

HARPER COLLEGE

STUDENT FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONNAIRE

Please give a permanent address where you can always be reached:

_____

_____

_____

_____

you and when we receive your completed survey enables us to remove your name from the mailing list so you will not be bothered with our second mailing of this survey or a follow-up telephone call.

Read the following items carefully and for each one mark a check (✓) on the line beside the most appropriate alternative. Mark ONLY ONE alternative per item unless otherwise stated.

I. Please check (✓) major field while at Harper.

_____ 1. Accounting Aide
_____ 2. Architectural Technology
_____ 3. Baking
_____ 4. Banking
_____ 5. Cardiac Exercise Technology
_____ 6. Child Care
_____ 7. Clerical
_____ 8. Cooking
_____ 9. Criminal Justice
_____ 10. Data Processing
_____ 11. Dental Hygiene
_____ 12. Dietetic Technician
_____ 13. Electronics
_____ 14. Fashion Design
_____ 15. Fire Science
_____ 16. Food Service Management
_____ 17. Heating Service
_____ 18. Industrial & Retail Security
_____ 19. Interpreter Training
_____ 20. Interior Design
_____ 21. Journalism
_____ 22. Legal Technology
_____ 23. Legal Secretary
_____ 24. Market Mid-Management
_____ 25. Material Management
_____ 26. Mechanical Drafting
_____ 27. Mechanical Engineering
_____ 28. Medical Lab Technician
_____ 29. Medical Office Assistant
_____ 30. Numerical Control
_____ 31. Pharmacy Technician
_____ 32. Associate Degree Nursing
_____ 33. Operating Room Technician
_____ 34. Practical Nursing
_____ 35. Park & Grounds Operation Management & Horticulture
_____ 36. Real Estate
_____ 37. Refrigeration & Air Cond.
_____ 38. Secretarial Science
_____ 39. Supervisory & Administrative Management
_____ 40. Other (Specify)_____

_____

II. What is your present status? Check (✓) one.

_____ 1. I am employed full time but am not enrolled in college.
_____ 2. I am employed full time and am enrolled in college part time.
_____ 3. I am employed full time and am enrolled in college full time.
_____ 4. I am enrolled in college full time and am employed part time.
_____ 5. I am enrolled in college full time but am not employed.
_____ 6. I am enrolled in college part time and employed part time.
_____ 7. I am employed part time but am not enrolled in college.
_____ 8. I am enrolled in college part time but am not employed.
_____ 9. I am in the Armed Forces.
_____ 10. I am unemployed and not enrolled in college but am seeking employment.
_____ 11. I am a homemaker not employed nor enrolled in college.
_____ 12. I am not employed nor enrolled in college for some other reason such as illness or in transition, etc., and am not seeking employment.

III. What are your present educational goals? Check (✓) one.

_____ 1. I am presently enrolled full time in a college or university.
_____ 2. I am presently enrolled part time in a college or university
_____ 3. I plan within the next year to return to college.
_____ 4. I plan to return to college some day.
_____ 5. I am presently enrolled in a specific training program.
_____ 6. I have completed my educational plans.
_____ 7. My educational plans are unknown at this point.
_____ 8. I do not intend to seek further education or training.

IV. Did you graduate from Harper? Check (✓) one.

_____ 1. Yes, with an AA degree
_____ 2. Yes, with an AS degree
_____ 3. Yes, with an AAS degree
_____ 4. Yes, with a certificate
_____ 5. No.

V. If you did not receive a degree from Harper, indicate why you did not. Check (✓) the one most appropriate alternative.

_____ 1. I have moved
_____ 2. Family responsibilities
_____ 3. Job demand
_____ 4. New job opportunity
_____ 5. Personal problems
_____ 6. I saw no relationship between the courses and my personal, occupational or educational goals.
_____ 7. Personal financial problems
_____ 8. Marriage
_____ 9. Teachers are ineffective
_____ 10. Transportation problems
_____ 11. Illness
_____ 12. Problem in financing further education.
_____ 13. I had taken all courses I originally wanted to take
_____ 14. Harper offered no further courses I wanted
_____ 15. Entering Military
_____ 16. My educational goals were not defined
_____ 17. I was not challenged
_____ 18. I transferred to another college
_____ 19. I am still attending Harper
_____ 20. Did not want to take few remaining courses
_____ 21. Did not want to pay graduation fee
_____ 22. Became frustrated with program
_____ 23. Did not know I had to petition for graduation
_____ 24. Harper did not offer courses I needed for graduation at a time I could attend
_____ 25. Other (specify)_____
_____
_____

EMPLOYMENT ITEMS

If you are employed full time or part time, please answer the following questions:

VI. Give name and address of employer (or self, if self-employed).

_____
_____
_____

What is your job title _____

VII. Are you self-employed? Check (✓) one.

_____ 1. Yes, full time
_____ 2. Yes, part time
_____ 3. No

VIII. How would you classify your present occupation? Check (✓) one.

_____ 1. Social or Religious
_____ 2. Educational
_____ 3. Legal, Government of Political
_____ 4. Sales
_____ 5. Business or Finance
_____ 6. Scientific
_____ 7. Engineering or Related Technology
_____ 8. Medical Field
_____ 9. Arts or Humanities
_____ 10. Trades
_____ 11. Factory, Semi-Skilled
_____ 12. Office or Clerical
_____ 13. Food Service and Lodging
_____ 14. Retail Establishments
_____ 15. Police/Fire/Security
_____ 16. Unskilled Labor/Custodial
_____ 17. Computer Field
_____ 18. Transportation
_____ 19. Communication/Entertainment
_____ 20. Park Management, Horticulture, Agricultural
_____ 21. Other (Specify)_____

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_____

IX. Which of the following items best describes your employment status? Check (✓) one.

_____ 1. Unskilled Labor
_____ 2. Semi-skilled Labor
_____ 3. Technician, Skilled Labor or Foreman
_____ 4. Beginning Professional
_____ 5. Experienced Professional or Second Line Supervision
_____ 6. Scientist, Researcher or Upper-Middle Management
_____ 7. Vice President Level or Higher

X. How related is your present job to your major field and what you prepared for at Harper College? Check (✓) one.

_____ 1. They are identical
_____ 2. They are closely related
_____ 3. They are somewhat related
_____ 4. They are not related

XI. If your present job is NOT related to the program you completed at our College, please check (✓) the BEST reason why?

_____ 1. Preferred to work in another field
_____ 2. Found better paying job in another field
_____ 3. Could not find a job in field of preparation
_____ 4. Worked previously in field of preparation, but changed
_____ 5. Preferred not to move to new locality
_____ 6. Temporary job while in transition (either in college between jobs or summer employment)
_____ 7. Took job in order to get preferred working hours
_____ 8. Did not complete program or pass licensing test in order to be eligible to work in my field of preparation
_____ 9. Health problems prevented me from working in field of preparation
_____ 10. Other (specify)_____

_____

_____

XII. How well did Harper prepare you for your job? Check (✓) the appropriate column by each item.

Preparation	Harper Helped Me Considerably	Harper Helped Me Somewhat	Harper Did Not Help Me At All
Specific Job Knowledge	_____	_____	_____
Technical Job Skills	_____	_____	_____
Written Communication Skills	_____	_____	_____
Verbal Communication Skills	_____	_____	_____
Maturity	_____	_____	_____
Person to Person Communication Skills	_____	_____	_____
Managerial Skills	_____	_____	_____
Job Search Skills	_____	_____	_____
Other (Specify)_____			
_____	_____	_____	_____

XIII. To what extent do you manage or supervise the work of other people? Check (✓) one.

_____ 1. I supervise or manage the work of over 20 people.
_____ 2. I supervise or manage the work of 11-20 people.
_____ 3. I supervise or manage the work of 5-10 people.
_____ 4. I supervise or manage the work of 1-4 people.
_____ 5. Occasionally I am a team leader or supervise some people.
_____ 6. I never supervise or manage the work of others.

XIV. What is your full-time annual salary range? Check (✓) one.
If you are employed part time, please CIRCLE the hourly rate for your response.

_____ 1. Under $7,000 per year or $3.36 per hour.
_____ 2. $ 7,000 - $ 8,999 per year or $ 3.37 - $ 4.32 per hour
_____ 3. $ 9,000 - $ 9,999 per year or $ 4.33 - $ 4.80 per hour
_____ 4. $10,000 - $11,999 per year or $ 4.81 - $ 5.76 per hour
_____ 5. $12,000 - $14,999 per year or $ 5.77 - $ 7.20 per hour
_____ 6. $15,000 - $19,999 per year or $ 7.21 - $ 9.61 per hour
_____ 7. $20,000 - $25,000 per year or $ 9.62 - $12.02 per hour
_____ 8. $25,000 - $30,000 per year or $12.02 - $14.42 per hour
_____ 9. $30,000 - $35,000 per year or $14.42 - $16.83 per hour
_____10. $35,000 - $40,000 per year or $16.83 - $19.23 per hour
_____11. $40,000 - $50,000 per year or $19.23 - $24.04 per hour
_____12. Over $50,000 per year or $24.04 per hour

XV. In general, how satisfied are you with your present job? Check (✓) one.

_____ 1. Very satisfied
_____ 2. Satisfied
_____ 3. Not Sure
_____ 4. Dissatisfied
_____ 5. Very Dissatisfied

XVI. In what geographic area do you work? Check (✓) one.

_____ 1. Downtown Chicago
_____ 2. Outer fringes of Chicago City limits
_____ 3. Northwestern suburban area (Barrington, Hoffman Estates, Schaumburg, Palatine, Mt. Prospect, Prospect Heights, Rolling Meadows, Wheeling, Buffalo Grove, Elk Grove, Arlington Heights
_____ 4. Other Chicago area Suburbs
_____ 5. Within 49 to 100 miles of Chicago
_____ 6. In Illinois, more than 100 miles from Chicago
_____ 7. Outside of Illinois Please Specify:_____

_____

XVII. How did you find your job? Check (✓) one.

_____ 1. The Illinois Job Service Office helped me find it.
_____ 2. The coordinator of my program helped me find it.
_____ 3. Another faculty member helped me.
_____ 4. A friend or relative helped me.
_____ 5. Newspaper ads
_____ 6. Private employment agency
_____ 7. Internship program at Harper
_____ 8. Placement office of another college or high school
_____ 9. My professional association's placement service
_____ 10. I found my job on my own
_____ 11. I am working on the same job which I had when enrolled at Harper, therefore I have not looked for a job since leaving Harper.
_____ 12. Through temporary employment service
_____ 13. Employer found me
_____ 14. Found my job through another source (specify)_____

_____

EDUCATION ITEMS

If you are presently enrolled in a college or university full time, please answer the following SEVEN questions. Otherwise skip directly to item XXV on page 7.

XVIII. At which college or university are you enrolled? Check (✓) one.

_____ 1. Northern Illinois
_____ 2. University of Illinois/Circle
_____ 3. University of Illinois/Champaign
_____ 4. Western Illinois
_____ 5. Southern Illinois
_____ 6. Harper College
_____ 7. Bradley
_____ 8. Governors State University
_____ 9. Illinois State
_____ 10. Loyola
_____ 11. Roosevelt
_____ 12. Northeastern Illinois
_____ 13. Eastern Illinois
_____ 14. Ill. Institute of Technology
_____ 15. DePaul
_____ 16. Mundelein College
_____ 17. Elmhurst
_____ 18. University of Wisconsin/ Madison
_____ 19. Other (specify)_____

_____

XIX. Which of the following best describes your status? Check (✓) one.

_____ 1. Freshman
_____ 2. Sophomore
_____ 3. Junior
_____ 4. Senior
_____ 5. Graduate School
_____ 6. Professional School
_____ 7. Other (Specify) _____

_____

XX. What is your present college educational major field? Check (✓) one.

_____ 1. Agriculture and Conservation
_____ 2. Architecture
_____ 3. Business
_____ 4. Education
_____ 5. Engineering and Technologies
_____ 6. English - Literature - Speech
_____ 7. Home Economics
_____ 8. Humanities
_____ 9. Journalism
_____ 10. Languages
_____ 11. Law
_____ 12. Math or Physical Science
_____ 13. Nursing
_____ 14. Other Biological and Health Sciences
_____ 15. Social Science
_____ 16. Other (specify)_____
_____

XXI. How related is your present major to your major at Harper? Check (✓) one.

_____ 1. They are identical
_____ 2. They are closely related
_____ 3. They are somewhat related
_____ 4. They are not related

XXII. What portion of the courses which you took at Harper College were you able to transfer? If you do not know for sure, make the best guess you can. Check (✓) one.

_____ 1. 0-20%
_____ 2. 20-40%
_____ 3. 40-60%
_____ 4. 60-80%
_____ 5. 80-90%
_____ 6. All but 2 or 3 courses
_____ 7. All but 1 course
_____ 8. Transferred all courses

XXIII. What is your approximate cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 basis at college you now attend? Check (✓) the closest GPA.

"A"	_____ 4.0	_____ 3.8	_____ 3.6	_____ 3.4	_____ 3.2
"B"	_____ 3.0	_____ 2.8	_____ 2.6	_____ 2.4	_____ 2.2
"C"	_____ 2.0	_____ 1.8	_____ 1.6	_____ 1.4	_____ 1.2
"D"	_____ 1.0	_____ Less than 1.0			

XXIV. How much does it cost you and/or your family per year to attend your present college? Include tuition, books, room and board, and personal expenses, i.e., the total out-of-pocket cost to everyone for your education? Check (✓) one.

_____ 1. Less that $500
_____ 2. $ 500 - $1,000
_____ 3. $1,000 - $1,500
_____ 4. $1,500 - $2,000
_____ 5. $2,000 - $2,500
_____ 6. $2,500 - $3,000
_____ 7. $3,000 - $4,000
_____ 8. $ 4,000 - $ 5,000
_____ 9. $ 5,000 - $ 6,000
_____ 10. $ 6,000 - $ 7,000
_____ 11. $ 7,000 - $ 8,000
_____ 12. $ 8,000 - $10,000
_____ 13. $10,000 - $12,000
_____ 14. $12,000 - $15,000
_____ 15. Over $15,000

EVALUATION ITEMS

Please note the following aspects of college as you knew them while at Harper College. Place the appropriate number on the blank preceding the aspect.

1- Excellent
2- Very Good
3- Average
4- Borderline Effectiveness
5- Poor or Ineffective
6- No basis for rating the aspect

XXV.

A. _____ Teaching Faculty
B. _____ Course Selection
C. _____ Assistance with education planning
D. _____ Personal counseling with counselors
E. _____ Orientation
F. _____ Career exploration with counselors
G. _____ Admissions Program
H. _____ Records and Registration
I. _____ Student activities (lectures, concerts, clubs, special events, student government, student publications, game area)
J. _____ Illinois Job Service Office
K. _____ Financial Aid Office
L. _____ Health Service
M. _____ Intercollegiate athletics
N. _____ Food Service
O. _____ Intramurals
P. _____ Learning Resources (Media and Library Services)
Q. _____ Learning Atmosphere
R. _____ Other Students
S. _____ Veteran's Office
T. _____ Instructional strategies in classroom
U. _____ Laboratories
V. _____ Internships or field experiences
W. _____ Tutoring Services (first floor, Building F)
X. _____ Remedial/Developmental Courses
Y. _____ Women's Program
Z. _____ Human potential course (Psychology 107)
AA. _____ Career planning and development course (Psychology 108)
BB. _____ College survival skills course (Psychology 106)
CC. _____ Hearing impaired services
DD. _____ Disabled/Handicapped Services
EE. _____ Workshops or special programs sponsored by Student Development
FF. _____ College Days/Nights - visits from 4-year university representatives

XVI. Which type of courses taken at Harper have been of MOST benefit to you on the job, in college, or in the community? Check (✓) all those that apply. If not applicable, leave blank.

_____ 1. Accounting
_____ 2. Architecture
_____ 3. Art
_____ 4. Baking
_____ 5. Banking
_____ 6. Biology
_____ 7. Career Planning & Development
_____ 8. Child Development
_____ 9. Clerical
_____ 10. College Survival Skills
_____ 11. Cooking
_____ 12. Criminal Justice
_____ 13. Data Processing
_____ 14. Dental Hygiene
_____ 15. Dietetic Technician
_____ 16. Education
_____ 17. Electronics
_____ 18. English
_____ 19. Fashion Design
_____ 20. Fire Science
_____ 21. Food Service
_____ 22. General Business
_____ 23. Heating Service
_____ 24. History
_____ 25. Human Potential Seminar
_____ 26. Industrial & Retail Security
_____ 27. Interior Design
_____ 28. Journalism
_____ 29. Legal Secretary
_____ 30. Legal Technology
_____ 31. Marketing
_____ 32. Material Management
_____ 33. Mathematics
_____ 34. Mechanical Drafting
_____ 35. Mechanical Engineering
_____ 36. Medical Lab Technician
_____ 37. Medical Office Assistant
_____ 38. Municipal & Govt. Management
_____ 39. Nursing
_____ 40. Operating Room Technician
_____ 41. Park & Grounds Management
_____ 42. Philosophy & Humanities
_____ 43. Physical Science
_____ 44. Physical Education
_____ 45. Political Science
_____ 46. Psychology
_____ 47. Real Estate
_____ 48. Refrigeration & Air Cond.
_____ 49. Remedial/Developmental
_____ 50. Secretarial Science
_____ 51. Word Processing

XXVII. Which type of courses taken at Harper have been of LEAST benefit to you on the job, in college, or in the community? Check (✓) all those that apply. If not applicable, leave blank.

_____ 1. Accounting
_____ 2. Architecture
_____ 3. Art
_____ 4. Baking
_____ 5. Banking
_____ 6. Biology
_____ 7. Career Planning & Development
_____ 8. Child Development
_____ 9. Clerical
_____ 10. College Survival Skills
_____ 11. Cooking
_____ 12. Criminal Justice
_____ 13. Data Processing
_____ 14. Dental Hygiene
_____ 15. Dietetic Technician
_____ 16. Education
_____ 17. Electronics
_____ 18. English
_____ 19. Fashion Design
_____ 20. Fire Science
_____ 21. Food Service
_____ 22. General Business
_____ 23. Heating Service
_____ 24. History
_____ 25. Human Potential Seminar
_____ 26. Industrial & Retail Security
_____ 27. Interior Design
_____ 28. Journalism
_____ 29. Legal Secretary
_____ 30. Legal Technology
_____ 31. Marketing
_____ 32. Material Management
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ACADEMIC COMPUTER USEAGE

XXVIII. Have you ever used computer terminals or a micro computer at Harper in conjunction with a course? Check (✓) one.

_____ A. Yes - Often

_____ B. Yes - a few times

_____ C. No - never

XXIX. If you have used a micro or terminals, check (✓) the locations you have used.

_____ A. Mainframe terminals in Building I
_____ B. Word processing micros in Building I
_____ C. Micro lab in Building I
_____ D. Micro lab in Building J
_____ E. Instructional computer terminals in Building D knuckle
_____ F. Micro computer lab(s) at Northeast Center
_____ G. CAD/CAM Center in Building H
_____ H. Other CAD related lab in Building H
_____ I. Micro computers elsewhere (specify)_____

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XXX. In which courses have you used micro computers or computer terminals? Check (✓) all those that are appropriate.

_____ A. Data Processing
_____ B. Physics
_____ C. Chemistry
_____ D. Word Processing
_____ E. Math or Statistics
_____ F. Engineering Tech
_____ G. Electronics
_____ H. Music
_____ I. Other (specify)_____

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XXXI. Have you had any problems using or getting access to the microcomputers or computer terminals while at Harper College?

_____ No

_____ Yes (specify type of problem)_____

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XXXII. Are there courses which, had they been included in your curriculum, would have benefited you now, on your job, in college, or in your community?

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XXXIII. Was the Learning Resources Center of help to you while attending Harper College? Check (✓) those that apply.

_____ 1. I very seldom or never used the resources (print and media)
_____ 2. It was easy to find and check out almost all the books I needed.
_____ 3. The audio-visual material available in the media section was very helpful.
_____ 4. I found the Center a good place to study.
_____ 5. I had trouble getting much of the material I needed.

Explain: _____

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_____ 6. Other (Explain)

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XXXIV. Did you change your educational or vocational goals as a result of attending Harper College? Check (✓) one.

_____ Yes _____ Maybe _____ No How many times? _____

If you made changes, describe their nature. Check (✓) one.

_____ 1. It was a shift to a completely different field.
_____ 2. It was shift to a related field.
_____ 3. Combination of 1 and 2

Also, if you made changes, check (✓) what services you used in making this change.

_____ 1. Counseling
_____ 2. Career & Life Planning Center
_____ 3. Ill. Job Service Office
_____ 4. Faculty Members
_____ 5. Specific Courses
_____ 6. Outside Professional
_____ 7. No services were used
_____ 8. Other (specify) _____

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XXXV. Which student activities or non-classroom experiences were of MOST BENEFIT to you. Check (✓) the one which was most beneficial. If not applicable, leave blank.

_____ 1. Concerts
_____ 2. Student Government
_____ 3. Films
_____ 4. Drama
_____ 5. Club or Organizations
_____ 6. Student Publications
_____ 7. Intercollegiate Athletics
_____ 8. Intramural Sports
_____ 9. Lectures
_____ 10. Field Trips
_____ 11. Art Displays
_____ 12. Mini Courses
_____ 13. Noon Hour Programs
_____ 14. Radio Station - WHCM
_____ 15. Other (specify) _____

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XXXVI. Which student activities or non-classroom experiences at Harper College were of LEAST BENEFIT to you? Check (✓) the one which was least beneficial. If not applicable, leave blank.

_____ 1. Concerts
_____ 2. Student Government
_____ 3. Films
_____ 4. Drama
_____ 5. Club or Organizations
_____ 6. Student Publications
_____ 7. Intercollegiate Athletics
_____ 8. Intramural Sports
_____ 9. Lectures
_____ 10. Field Trips
_____ 11. Art Displays
_____ 12. Mini Courses
_____ 13. Noon Hour Programs
_____ 14. Radio Station - WHCM
_____ 15. Other (specify)_____

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XXXVII. How do you feel about the Financial Aid Office? Check (✓) those appropriate.

_____ 1. I did not require or qualify for any financial aid.
_____ 2. I might have qualified for financial aid but I never got around to applying for it.
_____ 3. I applied for financial aid but was turned down. I was very dissatisfied with the operation of the Financial Aid Office.
_____ 4. I applied for financial aid but was turned down; however, I was reasonably satisfied with the performance of the Office of Financial Aid.
_____ 5. I received financial aid but I was not satisfied with the performance of the Financial Aid Office.
_____ 6. I received financial aid and I was satisfied with the performance of the Financial Aid Office.
_____ 7. The Financial Aid Office at Harper helped me secure financial aid at the institution I am now attending.

XXXVIII. Make any comments you wish to make concerning Harper College_____

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HARPER EXPERIENCES

XXXIX. How many hours did you work per week while attending Harper? Check (✓) one.

_____ 1. I did not work
_____ 2. 1 to 5 hours
_____ 3. 6 to 10 hours
_____ 4. 11 to 15 hours
_____ 5. 16 to 20 hours
_____ 6. 21 to 25 hours
_____ 7. 26 to 30 hours
_____ 8. Over 30 hours

XL. What was the relationship of this work to your major academic field at Harper? Check (✓) one.

_____ 1. It was identical
_____ 2. It was closely related
_____ 3. It was somewhat related
_____ 4. It was completely unrelated

XLI. How many hours per week did you spend in co-curricular student activities such as student publications, government, clubs, etc.? Check (✓) one.

_____ 1. I did not participate

_____ 2. 1 to 3 hours per week

_____ 3. 4 to 7 hours per week

_____ 4. 8 to 12 hours per week

_____ 5. Over 12 hours per week

XLII. How many hours per week did you spend informally -- such as socializing in the cafeteria or lounge, playing cards or pool, etc.? Check (✓) one.

_____ 1. Less than one hour

_____ 2. 1 to 6 hours

_____ 3. 7 to 12 hours

_____ 4. 12 to 20 hours

_____ 5. Over 20 hours

THANK YOU FOR RESPONDING TO THIS SURVEY.

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